HOUSE BILL 481

By Harmon

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, relative to motor vehicle registration fees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-111(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(1) In order to facilitate efficient and uniform enforcement of chapters 1-6 of this title, motor vehicles, excepting such motor vehicles as are constructed for the purpose of transporting tangible personal property or other property, and passenger motor vehicles operating for hire, are hereby classified and the respective registration taxes imposed are fixed as follows:

Class (A)	Motorcycles or autocycles - registration fee	\$27.75
Class (B)	Passenger motor vehicle and motor home - registration fee	\$34.75
Class (C)	Antique vehicles - registration fee	\$41.00
Class (D)	(i) Privately owned trailers and trailers held for public rental, not exceeding eight feet (8') in width and less than twenty feet (20') in length, exclusive of the tongue, and all trailers which are limited to vacationing and camping purposes, unless otherwise exempted in this section - registration fee	\$25.50
	(ii) Mobile homes or house trailers, whether privately owned or held for public rental, the chassis and exterior shell of which are designed and constructed for occupancy, but with dimensions not exceeding eight feet (8') in width registration fee	\$35.00

(iii) Mobile homes or house trailers, whether privately owned or held for public rental, the chassis and exterior shell of which are designed and constructed for occupancy, but with dimensions exceeding eight feet (8') - registration fee

\$47.00

Class (E) Private buses (not for hire) - in the case of buses or motor driven coaches utilized exclusively for transporting either the owner or persons associated with the owner in a trade, business or vocation, or both of them, together with personalty constituting the tools of such trade, business or vocation, between places where such trade, business or vocation may be carried on, and not used to transport persons or property for hire - registration fee

\$216.00

Class (F) Low speed vehicles - registration fee

\$25.50

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-111, is further amended by adding the following as new subsection (g):

- (g) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, revenue collected as a result of the sixteen dollar (\$16.00) increase in vehicle registration fees imposed by this act shall be allocated as follows:
 - (1) Fifty percent (50%) of such revenues shall be allocated to the department of transportation to fund highway and road construction and maintenance;
 - (2) Thirty-one and one-forth percent (31 1/4%) of such revenues shall be allocated to local governments, to be distributed as follows:
 - (A) Sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of such revenues shall be allocated to the counties of the state based on the funding formula in § 54-4-103; and

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- (B) Thirty-three and one-third percent (33 1/3%) of such revenues shall be allocated to the municipalities of the state, as defined by § 54-4-201, based on the funding formula in § 54-4-203; and
- (3) Eighteen and three-fourths percent (18 3/4%) of such revenues shall be allocated to the department of transportation to be used to provide assistance to local governments for mass transit in accordance with Title 13, Chapter 10, Part 1.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect January 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.

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